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(C) July 15 at a state dinner for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Foreign Minister Tonio Borg informed Ambassador Bordonaro that Malta would officially recognize Kosovo by the end of July. As reported reftels, Borg told embassy officials that Malta would not recognize Kosovo until the new Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee had been formed and briefed on the matter, which took place on July 7. The final decision will be taken by the Prime Minister and announced in the coming weeks.

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